

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

HAMPDEN, ss.

TOWN OF MONSON

ANNUAL TOWN WARRANT

To any of the Constables of the Town of Monson in said County:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Monson qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs to meet in the Granite Valley Middle School Auditorium on Thompson Street on Monday, May 13, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 1:

To hear reports of Town Officers and Committees and act on same or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommendation:

Finance Committee Recommends, and I Move the Town Vote (F.C.R.I.M.T.V.) to hear reports of Town Officers and Committees. (See Attachment B)

ARTICLE 2:

To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary or compensation of all elected officials as prescribed, or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommendation:

F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to fix the salary or compensation of all elected officials as prescribed below:

<i>Town Clerk</i>		<i>45,172.00</i>
<i>Highway Surveyor</i>		<i>72,900.00</i>

ARTICLE 3:

To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize the existing Revolving Funds under M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E 1/2 as per Attachment A, naming the programs and purposes for which said revolving fund may be expended, the receipts to be credited to the fund, the board, department or officer authorized to expend from said fund and the limit on the total amount which may be expended from said fund during the fiscal year, or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommendation:

F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to re-authorize the existing Revolving Funds under M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E 1/2 as per Attachment A.

ARTICLE 4:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and appropriate any sum of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Town for the ensuing year, the fiscal period from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014, or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommendation:

F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and appropriate the sum of money necessary to defray the expenses of the Town for the ensuing year, the fiscal period from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 as follows:

Account	Fiscal	Recommendation 2014		Historical Fiscal	Information 2013
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Purchase of Petroleum Products		204,000			204,000
BOARD OF SELECTMEN					
Staff Salaries	117,154			115,414	
Expense	6,700	123,854		6,700	122,114
FINANCE COMMITTEE					
Staff Salaries	3,434			3,366	
Expense	200	3,634		200	3,566
F. C. RESERVE FUND		30,000			30,000
TOWN ACCOUNTANT					
Staff Salaries	98,980			97,501	
Expense	7,543	106,523		7,141	104,642
AUDIT & ACTUARIAL STUDY		46,850			39,650
BOARD OF ASSESSORS					
Staff Salaries	77,991			75,148	
Expense	16,125	94,116		15,975	91,123
REVALUATION		9,900	*1		750
LAND COURT		3,500			3,500
BANK FEES & PAYROLL		11,500			11,500
TREASURER					
Staff Salaries	69,459			67,064	
Expense	6,950	76,409		6,950	74,014
TOWN COLLECTOR					
Staff Salaries	80,419			85,373	
Expense	33,649	114,068		31,209	116,582
LAW DEPT. & CLAIMS		80,000			80,000
TECHNOLOGY		1,625			1,625
TOWN CLERK					
Staff Salaries	72,626			70,545	
Expense	9,150	81,776		9,150	79,695
ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION					
Staff Salaries	4,200			8,500	
Expense	4,930	9,130		8,280	16,780
CONSERVATION COMMISSION		3,663			4,013
PLANNING BOARD					

Staff Salaries	43,414			
Expense	3,400	46,814		2,400
BOARD OF APPEALS		2,675		2,675
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS				
Staff Salaries	37,066		25,702	
Expense	100,485	137,551	100,485	126,187
GENERAL GOVT. TOTAL		1,187,588		1,114,816

*1 transfer and appropriate \$9,900 from Board of Assessors' Stabilization Fund.

Account	Fiscal	Recommendation 2014		Historical Fiscal	Information 2013
PUBLIC SAFETY					
POLICE DEPARTMENT					
Salaries	877,373			874,814	
Operating Expenses	76,610			70,960	
Cruiser Purchase	40,000			42,000	
Medical Bills	500	994,483		500	988,274
EMERGENCY DISPATCH					
Salaries		188,932			187,312
FIRE DEPARTMENT					
Salaries	153,067			190,059	
House Operating Expense	25,220			24,442	
Truck Operating Expense	21,150			20,550	
Special Services	2,150	201,587		2,150	237,201
AMBULANCE					
Staff Salaries	344,166			330,639	
Expense	42,708	386,874	*2	39,378	370,017
BUILDING INSPECTOR					
Staff Salaries	79,886			88,258	
Expense	6,580	86,466		6,100	94,358
SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES		845			828
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		8,136			11,780
ANIMAL CONTROL					
Staff Salaries	11,431			11,431	
Expense	3,520	14,951		3,520	14,951
TREE WARDEN					
Staff Salaries	4,700			4,700	
Expense	9,125	13,825		9,125	13,825
FOREST FIRE					

Staff Salaries	8,797		8,624	
Expense	5,500	14,297	5,500	14,124
PUBLIC SAFETY TOTAL		1,910,396		1,932,670

***2 \$75,543 raise and appropriate , and \$311,331 transfer and appropriate from Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account.**

Account	Fiscal	Recommendation 2014		Historical Fiscal	Information 2013
EDUCATION					
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT		10,472,351			10,552,351
SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION		896,149			842,639
School Technology Equipment		120,000	*3		
EDUCATION TOTAL		11,488,500			11,364,990

***3 \$120,000 transfer and appropriate from Free Cash.**

Account	Fiscal	Recommendation 2014		Historical Fiscal	Information 2013
PUBLIC WORKS					
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT					
Salaries	364,830			356,658	
Private Roads Account	2,000			2,000	
Administration	28,225			27,925	
General Highway & Bridges	207,780			204,080	
Snow & Ice	200,000			200,000	
Emergency Repairs	10,000			10,000	
Road Machinery Account	54,100	866,935		51,700	852,363
STREET LIGHTING		24,500			24,500
CEMETERY DEPARTMENT					
Staff Salaries	69,715			65,617	
Expense	7,013	76,728		7,012	72,629
PUBLIC WORKS TOTAL		968,163			949,492

Account	Fiscal	Recommendation 2014		Historical Fiscal	Information 2013
HUMAN SERVICES					
BOARD OF HEALTH					
Staff Salaries	20,798			19,714	
Expense	1,530	22,328		1,480	21,194
OTHER HEALTH SERVICES					
Greater Spfld Senior Services		0			600

COUNCIL ON AGING				
Staff Salaries	112,298		106,824	
Expense	21,740	134,038	23,725	130,549
VETERANS' BENEFITS		20,000		27,350
HUMAN SERVICES TOTAL		176,366		179,693

Account	Fiscal	Recommendation 2014	Historical Fiscal	Information 2013
LIBRARY & RECREATION				
MONSON FREE LIBRARY & READING ROOM ASSN.		225,425		214,725
PARKS & RECREATION				
Staff Salaries	118,129		110,952	
Expense	19,793	137,922	19,643	130,595
POOL				
Staff Salaries	9,000			
Expense	28,000	37,000		
HISTORICAL COMMISSION		440		440
LIBRARY & RECREATION TOTAL		400,787		345,760

Account	Fiscal	Recommendation 2014	Historical Fiscal	Information 2013
DEBT SERVICE				
INTEREST ON SHORT TERM DEBT		20,000		50,000
PRINCIPAL & INTEREST ON LONG TERM DEBT				
Various Capital Acquisitions	82,400		84,800	
2013 Capital Infrastructure & Vehicles	115,000			
S. Main St Brownfield	12,317			
110 Main St. Renovations	0		57,750	
Ambulance Purchase	39,100	*4	40,250	
October 2011 Snow Storm	3,000			
Middle School Construction	890,375	*5	885,639	
High School Construction	231,250	*6	231,948	
Sewer Bonds	13,838	*7	14,497	
Water SRF Capital Projects	105,928	*8	106,039	
DEBT SERVICE TOTAL		1,513,208		1,470,923

*4 \$22,100 raise and appropriate; and \$17,000 transfer & appropriate from Ambulance Subscription Fees Reserved for Appropriation Account.

*5 \$874,699 raise and appropriate; and \$15,676 transfer and appropriate from Fund Balance Reserved for Expenditure-Middle School Debt.

*6 \$175,828 raise and appropriate; and \$55,422 transfer and appropriate from Fund Balance Reserved for Expenditure-High School Debt.

*7 \$6,919 raise and appropriate; and \$6,919 raise and appropriate from sewer enterprise revenues.

*8 \$105,928 raise and appropriate from water enterprise revenue.

Account	Fiscal	Recommendation 2014	Historical Fiscal	Information 2013
UNCLASSIFIED				
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission		1,284		1,284
Veterans' District Assessment		22,851		25,762
Hampden County Pensions		1,041,680		945,374
Health Insurance		1,992,400		1,942,400
Life Insurance		7,600		7,600
Medicare, Town Share		194,000		165,000
Medicaid Reimbursement		8,200		8,200
Annual Capital		75,000		145,000
Blanket Insurance		302,372		267,315
UNCLASSIFIED TOTAL		3,645,387		3,507,935
OMNIBUS TOTAL		21,290,395		20,866,279

ARTICLE 5:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer and appropriate from available funds a sum of money to the Stabilization Account, as provided in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 5B, or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommendation:

F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to transfer and appropriate \$25,000 from Free Cash to the Stabilization Account.

ARTICLE 6:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer and appropriate from available funds a sum of money to pay the Town's apportioned share of the Operating and Maintenance and Capital Budget of the Pathfinder Regional Vocational/Technical High School District, or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommendation:

F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to raise and appropriate \$1,032,090 to pay the Town's apportioned share of the Operating & Maintenance and Capital Budget of the Pathfinder Regional Vocational/Technical High School District.

ARTICLE 7:

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the Comcast, Inc. Franchise Fee to Municipal Public Access Cable Television, Inc., or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommendation:

F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to transfer the Comcast, Inc. Franchise Fee to Municipal Public Access Cable Television, Inc.

ARTICLE 8:

To see if the Town will vote to accept any funds which have been offered to the Town's Perpetual Care Cemetery Fund since the last Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommendation:

F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to accept any funds offered to the Town Perpetual Care Cemetery Fund since the last Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 9:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer and appropriate from available funds a sum of money with which to meet bills of previous years, or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommendation:

F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to pass-over this article

ARTICLE 10:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer and Town Collector to enter into written agreements with banking institutions having their principal offices in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for a period not to exceed one year, pursuant to which said Town Treasurer and Town Collector agree to maintain on deposit in said institutions specified amounts of the funds of the Town in return for the provision by said institution(s) of banking services; such services that so qualify shall be prescribed by the Commissioner of Revenue, as well as by other provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, et seq., or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommendation:

F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to authorize the Town Treasurer and Town Collector to enter into written agreements with banking institutions as described above.

ARTICLE 11:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell at public or private sale, after first giving notice of sale in some convenient and public place in the Town, fourteen (14) days at least before the sale, property taken by the Town under tax title procedure; provided, however, that the Selectmen or whomsoever they authorize to hold such sale may reject any bid which they or the person so authorized may deem inadequate, or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommendation:

F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to authorize the Selectmen to sell at public or private sale property taken by the Town under tax title procedure as described above.

ARTICLE 12:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or borrow and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed seven hundred five thousand seven hundred and thirty nine dollars (\$ 705,739.00) to be used for construction projects authorized through the Chapter 90 Bond Issue, provided however that the town be reimbursed one hundred per cent (100%) of said sum upon project completion, or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommendation:

F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to borrow a sum not to exceed \$705,739 to be used for construction projects authorized through Chapter 90 Bond Issue, provided that the town be reimbursed 100% of said sum upon project completion.

ARTICLE 13:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer and appropriate from available funds a sum of money to operate the Enterprise Trash/Recycling Program for fiscal year 2014 or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommendation:

F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to raise and appropriate the sum of \$668,062 from trash enterprise revenue and transfer and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 from trash enterprise free cash for the purpose of operating the Trash/Recycling Program for the fiscal year 2014 as prescribed below:

<i>Account</i>	<i>Fiscal 2014</i>	<i>Recom- mendation</i>			<i>Historical Fiscal</i>	<i>Information 2013</i>
<i>TRASH ENTERPRISE FUND</i>						
<i>Staff Salaries</i>	16,242				15,923	
<i>Expense</i>	681,820	698,062			666,820	682,743

ARTICLE 14:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and appropriate from available funds a sum of money to operate the Sewer Enterprise Fund for fiscal 2014, or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommendation:

F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to raise and appropriate \$482,656 from the Sewer Enterprise revenues and transfer and appropriate the sum of \$31,000 from sewer enterprise free cash to be allocated as follows:

<i>Account</i>	<i>Fiscal 2014</i>	<i>Recom- mendation</i>			<i>Historical Fiscal</i>	<i>Information 2013</i>
<i>SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND</i>						
<i>Staff Salaries</i>	108,399				105,587	
<i>Expense</i>	35,257				35,187	
<i>Capital</i>						
<i>Maint. Of Joint Treatment Plant with Palmer</i>	350,000				395,000	
<i>Emergency Reserve</i>	20,000				18,900	
<i>Budgeted Surplus</i>	0	513,656			0	554,674

and that \$33,000 be raised and appropriated in the General Fund and funded from the Sewer Enterprise revenues, to be allocated for indirect costs; and that \$6,919 for debt to be appropriated in the general fund

and funded from sewer enterprise revenues; and \$6,919 for debt to be appropriated in the general fund from the tax levy as follows:.

<i>Estimated Indirect Costs for the Sewer Enterprise appropriated within Omnibus</i>				<i>Historical Fiscal</i>	<i>Information 2013</i>	
		33,000			30,000	
<i>Sewer Debt within the Omnibus</i>		13,838			14,497	

ARTICLE 15:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and appropriate from available funds a sum of money to operate the Water Enterprise Fund for fiscal 2014, or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommendation:

F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to raise and appropriate \$318,587 from the Water Enterprise revenues and appropriate the sum of \$42,000 from water enterprise free cash to be allocated as follows:

<i>Account</i>	<i>Fiscal 2014</i>	<i>Recommendation</i>		<i>Historical Fiscal</i>	<i>Information 2013</i>
<i>WATER ENTERPRISE FUND</i>					
<i>Staff Salaries</i>	157,609			156,447	
<i>Expense</i>	182,978			197,398	
<i>Capital</i>					
<i>Emergency Reserve</i>	20,000			5,000	
<i>Budgeted Surplus</i>		360,587			358,845

and that \$53,000 be raised and appropriated in the General Fund and funded from the Water Enterprise revenues, to be allocated for indirect costs; and \$105,928 for debt to be appropriated in the general fund and funded from water enterprise revenues as follows:

<i>Estimated Indirect Costs for the Water Enterprise appropriated within Omnibus</i>				<i>Historical Fiscal</i>	<i>Information 2013</i>
		53,000			44,000
<i>Water Debt within the Omnibus</i>		105,928			106,039

ARTICLE 16:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer and appropriate from available funds a sum of money to the Fund Balance Reserved for High School Construction Debt, or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommendation:

F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to transfer and appropriate \$70,000 from Free Cash to the Fund Balance Reserved for High School Construction Debt.

ARTICLE 17:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and appropriate a sum of money from available funds to pay for costs related to the cleanup after the October 2011 Storm Alfred, or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommendation:

F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to transfer and appropriate \$147,000 from Free Cash to the October 2011 Storm Alfred Account.

ARTICLE 18:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the borrowing of a sum of money not to exceed eight hundred fifty six thousand five hundred seventy one dollars (\$856,571.00) to pay costs related to the cleanup after the October 2011 Storm Alfred, or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommendation:

F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to authorize the borrowing a sum of money not to exceed \$709,571 to pay costs related to the cleanup after the October 2011 Storm Alfred.

ARTICLE 19:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation annual revenues in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, community preservation projects and other expenses in fiscal year 2014, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Appropriations:

From FY 2014 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses \$ 15,000

Reserves:

From FY 2014 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve \$ 25,000

From FY 2014 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve \$ 25,000

From FY 2014 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve \$ 25,000

From FY 2014 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve \$160,000

Recommendation:

F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to transfer and appropriate \$15,000 from Fiscal 2014 Community Preservation Fund revenues to Community Preservation Committee Administrative Expenses; and reserve from Fiscal 2014 Community Preservation Fund revenues \$25,000 to each of the following Reserve Accounts: Historic Resources Reserve, Community Housing Reserve, and Open Space Reserve to be held in reserve for future appropriations; and further to reserve \$160,000 to the Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve Account for future appropriations.

ARTICLE 20:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to the sum of up to \$171,250.00 (One Hundred and Seventy One Thousand and Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars) to repair, restore and preserve windows and doors of Memorial Hall located at 198 Main Street. \$33,500 (Thirty Three Thousand and Five Hundred dollars) shall be transferred from the FY 13 Historical Preservation fund and One Hundred Thirty Seven Thousand, Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$137,750.00) shall be transferred from the Undesignated Account for said repair, restoration, and stabilization under the Community Preservation Program for preservation of historic and scenic resources pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B or any other enabling authority. Said funds to be expended under the administration of the Community Preservation Committee, or take any other

action relative thereto.

Recommendation:

F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to transfer and appropriate \$ 33,500 from the CPA Fund Balance Reserved for Historic Preservation Account and transfer and appropriate \$ 137,750 from the CPA Fund Balance Reserved for Budgeted Reserve Account (a total of \$ 171,250) to be used to repair, restore, and preserve windows and doors of Memorial Hall located at 198 Main Street as described above.

ARTICLE 21:

To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand, Three Hundred and Sixty One Dollars (\$20,361.00) to preserve the Original Town Record Books from 1762 through 1948 and the Board of Selectmen Minutes from 1982 to 1986. These original documents are at risk of being lost. They will be repaired, restored, de-acidified, re-sewn and re-bound for permanent protection. The money shall be transferred from the FY '13 Undesignated Account under the Community Preservation Program for the preservation of historic and scenic resources pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B or any other enabling authority. Said funds to be expended under the administration of the Community Preservation Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommendation:

F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to transfer and appropriate \$ 20,361 from the CPA Fund Balance Reserved for Budgeted Reserve Account to be used to preserve town documents as described above.

ARTICLE 22:

To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of Twenty Four Thousand, Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$24,250.00) to restore and repaint the historic American Legion Post 0241 building. The building will be evaluated to determine the original paint color and then repaired and repainted to preserve one of the nicest extant examples of 1860 Italianate style buildings. The money shall be transferred from the FY '13 Undesignated Account under the Community Preservation Program for the preservation of historic and scenic resources pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B or any other enabling authority. Said funds to be expended under the administration of the Community Preservation Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommendation:

F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to transfer and appropriate \$ 24,250 from the CPA Fund Balance Reserved for Budgeted Reserve Account to be used to restore and repaint the historic American Legion Post 0241 building as described above.

ARTICLE 23:

To see if the Town will vote to accept a donation of the property known and designated as Lots 1 and 2 located on Carpenter Road as described in Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 14997, page 580 and Book 17235, page 484 and on Assessors Maps 115, Parcels 104A and 104B the property is to be owned by the Town of Monson and will be managed and controlled by the Conservation Commission of the Town of Monson in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 8C for conservation and passive recreation purposes, subject to clean title and Town Counsel approval, or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommendation:

F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to accept a donation of the property known and designated at Lots 1 and 2 located on Carpenter Road as described above.

ARTICLE 24:

To see if the Town will vote to accept a donation of the property known and designated as Lot 3 located on Carpenter Road as described in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book 14997 and Page 508 and in the Monson Assessors Office, Map 115, Parcel 104C to be owned by the Town of Monson and for the Town of Monson to use or dispose of in a manner to be determined by the Town, subject to clean title and Town Counsel approval, or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommendation:

F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to defer this article to the Conservation Commission for a recommendation.

ARTICLE 25:

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 57 and adopt the following bylaw under which the Town may deny any application for, or revoke or suspend any local license or permit including renewals and transfer issued by any board, officer or department for any person, corporation or business enterprise who has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or any other municipal charges and that the General Bylaws be amended to add Article 33 of the Monson Bylaws entitled "Grant or Renewal of Licenses as affected by Non-Payment of Local Taxes, Fees, etc." as follows:

ARTICLE 33: Grant or Renewal of Licenses as affected by Non-payment of Local Taxes, Fees, etc.

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 57, the Board of Selectmen, hereinafter referred to as the Board, may revoke or suspend any local license or permit including renewals and transfers issued by the Board for any person, corporation or business enterprise who has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or any other municipal charges provided that:

- a.) The Town Collector shall annually furnish to the Board a list of any person, corporation, or business enterprise, hereinafter referred to as the party, that has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or other municipal charges for not less than a twelve month period, and that has not filed in good faith a pending application for an abatement of such tax or pending petition before the appellate tax board.
- b.) The Board may deny, revoke or suspend any license or permit, including renewals and transfers of any party whose name appears on said list furnished to the Board from the Town Collector; or any license or permit including renewals and transfers with respect to any activity, event or other matter which is the subject of such license or permit and which activity, event or other matter is carried out or exercised or is to be carried out or exercised on or about real estate whose owner has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or any other municipal charges; provided however that written notice is given to the party and the Town Collector as required by applicable provisions of the law, and the party is given a hearing to be held not earlier than fourteen days after said notice. Said list shall be prima facie evidence for denial, revocation or suspension of

said license or permit to any party. The Town Collector shall have the right to intervene in any hearing conducted with respect to such license denial, revocation or suspension. Any findings made by the Board with respect to such license denial, revocation or suspension shall be made only for the purposes of such proceeding and shall not be relevant to or introduced in any other proceeding at law, except for any appeal from such license denial, revocation or suspension. Any license or permit denied, suspended or revoked under this section shall not be reissued or renewed until the Board receives a certificate issued by the Town Collector that the party is in good standing with respect to any and all local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or other municipal charges, payable to the municipality as the date of issuance of said certificate.

- c.) Any party shall be given an opportunity to enter into a payment agreement, thereby allowing the Board to issue a certificate indicating said limitations to the license or permit and validity of said license shall be conditioned upon the satisfactory compliance with said agreement. Failure to comply with said agreement shall be grounds for the suspension or revocation of said license or permit; provided, however, that the holder be given notice and a hearing as required by applicable provisions of law.
- d.) The Board may waive such denial, suspension or revocation if it finds there is no direct or indirect business interest by the property owner, its officers or stockholders, if any, or members of his immediate family, as defined in Mass. Gen. Laws, Chapter 268A, Section 1 in the business or activity conducted in or on said property.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommendation:

F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to approve Article 25 as written above.

ARTICLE 26:

To see if the Town will vote to amend "Article 2 – Finance Committee, Section 3" of the Town of Monson General Bylaws as follows:

Section 3. The said committee Moderator and the Board of Selectmen shall meet jointly to fill any vacancy which may occur in its the Committee's membership by vote, attested copy of which shall be sent by the secretary to. In the event of a tie, the Moderator's vote will prevail. The Moderator will then notify the Town Clerk of such action. If any member is absent from five consecutive meetings of said committee, except in cases of illness, his position shall be deemed to be vacant and shall be filled as herein provided. The term of office of any person so chosen to fill a vacancy shall expire at the final adjournment of the next succeeding annual Town meeting, and the Moderator thereof shall appoint his successor to complete the unexpired term of the member in whose office such vacancy originally occurred.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommendation:

F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to reject Article 26 as written.

ARTICLE 27:

To see if the town will vote to instruct our members of Congress to support an amendment to the United States Constitution to clarify that corporations do not have the same rights as people and that money is not speech for purposes of election-related spending, and/or take any action relative thereto.

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights are intended to protect the rights of individual human beings (“real people”); and,

WHEREAS, corporations are not mentioned in the Constitution and The People have never granted constitutional rights to corporations;

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* presents a serious threat to self-government by allowing unlimited corporate spending to influence elections;

WHEREAS, Article V of the United States Constitution empowers and obligates the people of the United States of America to use the constitutional amendment process to correct egregiously wrong decisions of the United States Supreme Court that go to the heart of our democracy;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the voters of MONSON, Massachusetts hereby instruct the Senators representing the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the member of the United States House of Representatives representing this Congressional District to propose and our state legislators to ratify an amendment to the United States Constitution to provide that corporations are not entitled to the constitutional rights of real people and that money is not speech for purposes of campaign-related expenditures and contributions.

The text of the proposed amendment is as follows:

Amendment**Section 1** [*A corporation is not a person and can be regulated*]

The rights protected by the Constitution of the United States are the rights of natural persons only.

Artificial entities, such as corporations, limited liability companies, and other entities, established by the laws of any State, the United States, or any foreign state shall have no rights under this Constitution and are subject to regulation by the People, through Federal, State, or local law.

The privileges of artificial entities shall be determined by the People, through Federal, State, or local law, and shall not be construed to be inherent or inalienable.

Section 2 [*Money is not speech and can be regulated*]

Federal, State and local government shall regulate, limit, or prohibit contributions and expenditures, including a candidate’s own contributions and expenditures, for the purpose of influencing in any way the election of any candidate for public office or any ballot measure.

Federal, State and local government shall require that any permissible contributions and expenditures be publicly disclosed.

The judiciary shall not construe the spending of money to influence elections to be speech under the First Amendment.

Section 3

Nothing contained in this amendment shall be construed to abridge the freedom of the press.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommendation:

F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to reject Article 27 as written.

ARTICLE 28:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize and approve an agreement for payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT Agreement), as negotiated by the Board of Selectmen with Cornerstone Power Monson, LLC, an affiliate of Hecate Energy Inc., in accordance with M.G.L. c. 59, §38H and M.G.L. c. 164, §1, for the planned solar electric generating facilities to be located within the Town of Monson and if necessary, further authorize the Board of Assessors to approve the agreement and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to submit a Special Act therefore to the General Court if enabling legislation is necessary, or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommendation:

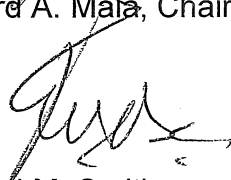
F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to authorize and approve an agreement for payment in lieu of taxes as negotiated by the Board of Selectmen with Cornerstone Power Monson, LLC, an affiliate of Hecate Energy, Inc. as described above.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 2nd day of May, 2013.



Edward A. Maia, Chairman



Richard M. Smith



Edward S. Harrison

MONSON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

HAMPDEN, ss.

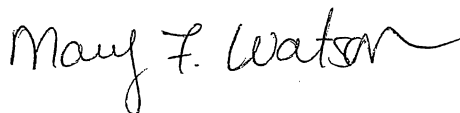
May 3, 2013

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the legal voters of the Town of Monson by posting an attested copy of said Warrant in at least two places in said Monson fourteen days at least before the time appointed for holding the meeting aforesaid.

A true copy,
ATTEST:


Constable of Monson

Asst. Town Clerk



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Attachment "A"
TOWN OF MONSON
M.G.L. Chap. 44 Sec 53E 1/2
Re-authorize Revolving Funds Fiscal 2014

Title	Use	Source of Revenue	Authorization	Limit	Disposition
1. Assessors' Reports	To purchase various office and computer supplies for Assessors' office	100% of fees charged for the programming, formatting, & printing of inventory control sheets, and reports done by requests for various appraisers, realtors, banks, etc.	Board of Assessors	\$3,000	Balance from prior Fiscal Years to be held for expenditure.
2. Collectors' Report	To purchase office supplies and other routine office expenses for the Collector's office	100% of fees charged for bill copies, tax research for filing of income tax returns, community development tax forms and all related information provided to mortgage companies and tax services.	Town Collector	\$9,000	Balance from prior Fiscal Years to be held for expenditure.
3. Memorial Hall	To pay for utility, maintenance, and custodial costs for Memorial Hall.	100% of rental fees collected from organizations using the building	Board of Selectmen	\$9,000	Balance from prior Fiscal Years to be held for expenditure.
4. Police K-9 Program	To pay for expenses related to the training, operation and maintenance of the Police K-9 unit.	100% of gifts, donations and fund raising efforts specifically for Police K-9 program.	Police Chief	\$20,000	Balance from prior Fiscal Years to be held for expenditure
5. Driveway Inspector	To pay Driveway Inspector for services rendered.	85% of driveway permit fees collected	Board of Selectmen	\$2,500	Balance from prior Fiscal Years to be held for expenditure.
6. Building Inspector	To purchase office supplies and other routine office expenses for the Building Department	100% of fees charged for copies and associated fees for researching town records	Building inspector	\$1,000	Balance from prior Fiscal Years to be held for expenditure.
7. Gas Inspector	To pay Gas Inspector for services rendered.	85% of gas permit fees collected.	Board of Selectmen	\$8,000	Balance from prior Fiscal Years to be held for expenditure.
8. Plumbing Inspector	To pay Plumbing Inspector for services rendered.	85% of plumbing permit fees collected.	Board of Selectmen	\$14,000	Balance from prior Fiscal Years to be held for expenditure.
9. Electrical Inspector	To pay Electrical Inspector for services rendered.	85% of electrical permit fees collected	Board of Selectmen	\$37,000	Balance from prior Fiscal Years to be held for expenditure

Title	Use	Source of Revenue	Authorization	Limit	Disposition
10. Cross-Alter Inspector	To pay Cross-Alter Inspector for services rendered.	85% of street excavation permit fees collected	Board of Selectmen	\$5,000	Balance from prior Fiscal Years to be held for expenditure
11. Forest Fire Equipment	To purchase forest firefighting equipment.	100% of burning permit fees collected	Fire Chief	\$13,000	Balance from prior Fiscal Years to be held for expenditure
12. Recycling Materials	To pay for recycling materials and equipment and for the cost of disposing of recycling materials collected	100% of revenue received during the year at "collection events" for items such as: tires, televisions, refrigerators, propane tanks, etc. and proceeds from the sale of recycling bins.	Board of Health	\$16,000	Balance from prior Fiscal Years to be held for expenditure
13. Apartment Inspections	To pay Health Inspector for services rendered.	85% of apartment inspection fees collected	Board of Health	\$1,000	Balance from prior Fiscal Years to be held for expenditure
14. Title V Inspector	To pay Title V Inspector for services rendered and travel expenses for Title V inspections	85% of percolation test and septic system repair fees collected	Board of Health	\$21,000	Balance from prior Fiscal Years to be held for expenditure
15. Municipal Technology	To pay for technology related expenses.	100% of proceeds of the cable television licensing agreement	Board of Selectmen	\$32,000	Balance from prior Fiscal Years to be held for expenditure.
16. Tax Assistance Program	To pay for expenses related to the printing and disseminating of brochures to encourage donations to the Tax Assistance Committee for Low Income Senior and Disabled Citizens	100% of gifts, donations and fund raising efforts specifically for the Tax Assistance Program	Tax Assistance Committee	\$4,000	Balance from prior Fiscal Years to be held for expenditure
17. COA Home Modification	To pay expenses associated with providing home modifications to ensure safe and handicap accessible residences for our elderly and disabled town residents, who income qualify for grants.	Town meeting appropriation from Community Preservation Funds	Monson Council on Aging	\$25,000	Balance from prior Fiscal Years to be held for expenditure
18. COA Memorial Garden	To pay expenses associated with maintaining the Monson Memorial Garden and structures within the garden located at the Monson Senior Center.	100% of gifts donated to the Monson Memorial Garden	Monson Council on Aging	\$7,000	Balance from prior Fiscal Years to be held for expenditure
19. Summer Theatre	To pay for summer theatre expenses and capital	100% of monies collected from theatre productions including: ticket sales, donations, &	Parks & Recreation	\$22,000	Balance from prior Fiscal Years to be held for

	improvements.	grants	Commissioners		expenditure
Title	Use	Source of Revenue	Authorization	Limit	Disposition
20. P & R Pool Program	To pay for PT wages of pool director & lifeguards, for pool chemicals & supplies as related to the pool recreation program.	100% of pool usage fees collected from individuals and groups using the Quarry Hill Community School pool	Parks & Recreation Commissioners	\$90,000	Balance from prior Fiscal Years to be held for expenditure
21. School Transportation	To pay for costs of school department transportation, including bus maintenance expenses and staff wages	100% of fees paid by students using school transportation system	School Committee	\$60,000	Balance from prior Fiscal Years to be held for expenditure
22. Transportation for outside activities and out of district students	To pay expenses associated with providing transportation for outside activities and out of district students	100% of receipts paid for field trips, athletic trips, and other school groups and community groups, and neighboring districts for pupil transportation	School Committee	\$52,000	Balance from prior Fiscal Years to be held for expenditure
23. Community Garden	To pay for community garden supplies, equipment, and services.	100% of receipts paid for garden plots, and any gifts received	Board of Selectmen	\$3,000	Balance from prior Fiscal Years to be held for expenditure

ATTACHMENT B

TOWN OF MONSON M.G.L. CHAP. 44 SEC 53E 1/2 REVOLVING FUNDS ANNUAL REPORT

ACCOUNT	BEG. BALANCE	TOWN MTG. SUBSIDY	FY 2012 RECEIPTS	FY 2012 EXP.	JULY-DEC FY 2013 RECEIPTS	JULY-DEC FY 2013 EXP.	BALANCE	AMT. OF SPENDING INCREASES
ASSESSORS' REPORTS	2,163.51		748.00	1,388.00	482.00	-	2,005.51	
COLLECTORS' REPORTS	2,537.24		3,878.00	7,720.18	1,854.05	-	549.11	
MEMORIAL HALL	1,540.01		3,500.00	1,399.39	1,600.00	2,704.07	2,536.55	
POLICE K9	14,725.31		-	10,150.80	-	1,479.63	3,094.88	
DRIVEWAY INSPECTOR	51.00		663.00	714.00	408.00	459.00	(51.00)	
BUILDING INSPECTOR	312.08		101.92	321.29	101.00	-	193.71	
GAS INSPECTOR	1,706.00		5,593.00	3,842.00	1,819.00	3,913.50	1,362.50	
PLUMBING INSPECTOR	8,852.75		9,447.75	6,889.25	3,417.00	5,703.50	9,124.75	
ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR	19,491.59		18,028.45	3,332.00	5,873.50	-	40,061.54	
CROSS ALTER INSP.	85.00		4,675.00	4,760.00	1,615.00	1,615.00	-	
APARTMENT INSP.	127.50		127.50	85.00	170.00	170.00	170.00	
FIRE FIGHTING EQUIP.	11,499.04	(3,514.11)	7,410.00	2,394.93	-	6,792.71	6,207.29	
RECYCLING MATERIAL	12,331.48		4,153.00	2,591.00	1,517.00	1,184.00	14,226.48	
TITLE V INSP.	13,561.25		12,920.00	11,475.00	6,757.50	7,735.00	14,028.75	
MUNICIPAL TECHNOLOGY	13,054.53		29,142.53	25,072.74	15,186.56	13,334.98	18,975.90	
TAX ASSISTANCE GIFTS	1,283.80		-	-	-	-	1,283.80	
COA HOME MODIFICATION	21,417.50		-	378.50	-	12,937.00	8,102.00	
COA MEMORIAL GARDEN	3,174.48		1,100.00	-	-	-	4,274.48	
SUMMER THEATRE	10,162.73		9,951.22	13,459.43	19,460.50	11,495.14	14,619.88	
POOL PROGRAM	6,566.88		54,244.51	58,862.34	25,430.40	26,479.63	909.82	
COMMUNITY GARDEN	360.00		951.37	534.99	40.00	260.52	555.86	
SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION FEES	40,092.57		32,862.92	22,733.36	24,637.72	28,659.39	46,200.46	
SCH TRANSP OUT OF DISTRICT	18,996.17		21,877.86	18,932.41	37,883.30	7,843.97	51,980.95	
TOTAL	204,092.42	(3,514.11)	221,376.03	197,026.61	148,252.53	132,767.04	240,413.22	-